

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 263

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Elizabeth Marie Bush on the celebration of her eightieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Marie Bush will celebrate her eightieth birthday on April 12, 2013, a milestone that is being commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bush was born in Overton County on April 12, 1933, to Elmo "Mo" Crabtree and Edith "Short" Speck Crabtree, and she has lived her entire life in Overton County; and

WHEREAS, she attended Livingston Elementary School and Livingston Academy; and

WHEREAS, Marie Bush served with acumen and alacrity as a nurse for many years at Lady Ann Hospital in Livingston, and she served as an employee of the Berkline Corporation; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Mrs. Bush became involved in politics at an early age, first participating in the election campaign for Jared Maddux of Cookeville, who later became the Lieutenant Governor of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Marie Bush has taken an active part in each election thereafter, always fighting for the common people of the Upper Cumberland, Tennessee, and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, she is proud to have been a part of every Tennessee governor's campaign, beginning with Frank Clement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bush was appointed a member of the Overton County Election Commission in 1997 and was elected Chairman in 1998, the position which she served estimably until 2010; and

WHEREAS, Marie Bush was elected Chairman of the Overton County Democratic Party in 1999 and served two terms; she remains active in the local party and she has been active in the Tennessee Democratic Women's clubs; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bush is a member of the Livingston Order of the Eastern, and she is an active and devout member of the Livingston First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, today, Marie Bush enjoys her politics, her work for the Overton County Election Commission, and her computer and genealogy research; and

WHEREAS, her numerous accomplishments aside, she is also deeply devoted to her family and she always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she was joined in holy matrimony with Billie G. Bush on June 6, 1960; they enjoyed many years of marriage until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bush is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her two sons, Gary Threet and Ricky McDonald; five grandchildren, Gary L. (Ashley) Threet, Lauren Threet, Hayden Threet, Brian (Katy) McDonald, and Jessica McDonald; and three great-grandchildren, Robert McDonald, Gavin McDonald, and Cayden McDonald; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Elizabeth Marie Bush on the celebration of her eightieth birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.